

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed March 25, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are the claim.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/25/4 and 8/5/4
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/16/5
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Attorney Cindy Bonner on March 10 and 16, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

- A. Page 1, lines 3-5 have been deleted and are replaced by the following recitation:

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BOTANICAL DESIGNATION

Petunia hybrida

VARIETY DENOMINATION

'Suncopablue' --.

- B. Page 1, line 11, the recitation – (unpatented) – has been added after “ ‘Fantasy Blue’ ”.
- C. Page 1, line 12, the recitation – (unpatented) – has been added after “ ‘PAB2’ ”.
- D. Page 1, line 16, after the word “varieties” the recitation – known to the inventors – has been inserted.
- E. Page 1, line 24, the word “lower” has been changed to –low--.
- F. Page 1, line 26, after the word “varieties” the recitation – known to the inventors – has been inserted.
- G. Page 1, line 33 has been deleted.
- H. Page 1, line 36, the word “of” has been changed to – that created --.

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I. Page 2, line 2, after the word “Corp.” the following recitation has been added: -- The growth habit of the female parent ‘Fantasy Blue’[^] is erect. In contrast, that of ‘Suncopablue’ is decumbent.--.

J. Page 2, line 6, the first instance of the word “of” has been changed to – that created --.

K. Page 2, line 7, after the word “color.”, the following recitation has been added: -- The spreading area of ‘PAB2’ is smaller than that of ‘Suncopablue’.--.

L. Page 2, line 21, the recitation – (unpatented) – has been added after “mini”; the recitation – (unpatented)—has been added after “Red”.

M. Page 2, lines 29-31 have been deleted and are replaced by the recitation: -- accordance with the R. H. S. Colour Chart.

N. Page 2, line 36, after the word “available” the recitation – , known to the inventors, -- has been added.

O. Page 4, line 20, “FIG.” has been changed to – Fig. --.

P. Page 4, line 23, “FIG.” has been changed to – Fig. --.

Q. Page 4, line 31, the recitation – as grown in typical outdoor conditions – has been added after the word “observed”.

R. Page 4, line 32, the following recitation has been added after “6 months.”: -- The average day temperature is approximately 22°C and the average night temperature is approximately 13°C.--.

S. Page 5, line 7, “Thickness” has been changed to – Diameter --.

T. Page 5, line 8, the word “Normal” has been changed to – Present and typical of the species --.

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U. Page 5, line 9, the word “Abundant” has been replaced with the recitation -- ,

Approximately 4 branches per plant --.

V. Page 5, line 29, the word – Flower – has been inserted before “Diameter”.

W. Page 5, after line 29, a new line has been added: -- Flower Depth: Approximately 3.0 cm. --.

X. Page 5, lines 30-33 have been deleted and are replaced with the following:

-- Flower Color:

Upper Petal Surface Color: near R.H.S. 87A.

Lower Petal Surface Color: near R.H.S. 87C.

Inside color of flower throat: R.H.S. N81C.

Outside color of flower tube: R.H.S. 83B.

Calyx: Narrow. 5 sepals fused at the base.

Diameter: Approximately 15 mm.

Depth: Approximately 10 mm.

Color (upper and lower surfaces): near R.H.S. 144B.

Texture (both surfaces): Smooth.--.

Y. Page 6, lines 1 and 2 have been deleted and are replaced by the following recitation:

-- Peduncle:

Diameter: Approximately 0.8 mm.

Length: Approximately 1.8 cm.

Color: near R.H.S. 144A.

Texture: Smooth. --.

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Z. Page 6, line 3 has been deleted.

AA. Page 6, line 6, after "pests." the following has been added: -- 'Suncopablue' has a low temperature tolerance of at least 5°C. --.

BB. Page 6, after line 6, a new line has been added: -- Seed production has not been observed.

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Future Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wendy C. Haas whose telephone number is (571) 272-0976. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571) 272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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